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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in this continuation application of Patent Application Serial No. 09/361,426. Kindly amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 2-26.

Kindly add the following claims:

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27. A composition comprising:
- a topically active amount of a pharmaceutical or cosmetic active ingredient;
 - from about 0.01% to about 20% of a non-ionic polymeric emulsifier;
 - from about 0.01% to about 20% of a sugar; and
 - from about 0.01% to about 20% of a polyoxyethylene alcohol.
28. A composition according to claim 27 wherein said topically active pharmaceutical or cosmetic active ingredient is a retinoid.
29. A composition according to claim 28 wherein said retinoid is retinol.
30. A composition according to claim 27 wherein said non-ionic polymeric emulsifier is a hydrophilic cross-polymer which has been hydrophobically modified.